

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

The Estate of JESSE D. WILLIAMS,)
Deceased, by and through)
MAYOLA WILLIAMS, Personal)
Representative,) Vol. 19-A
Plaintiff,) Circuit Court
vs.) No. 9705-03957
PHILIP MORRIS INCORPORATED,)
Defendant.)

A.M. TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the above-entitled
matter came on regularly for Jury Trial and was
heard before the Honorable Anna J. Brown, Judge of
Department No. 7C, of the Circuit Court of the
County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, commencing at
9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 18, 1999.

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1 (March 18, 1999)
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3 A.M. P R O C E E D I N G S
4 * * *
5 THE COURT: Good morning, jurors.
6 JURORS: Good morning.
7 THE COURT: We are ready to continue now
8 with the cross-examination of Dr. Ludmerer.
9 Mr. Thomas.
10 MR. THOMAS: Thank you.
11
12 DR. KENNETH LUDMERER
13 was thereupon called as a witness on behalf of the
14 Defendant and, having been previously duly sworn,
15 was examined and testimony continued, as follows:
16
17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
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19 BY MR. THOMAS:
20 Q. Good morning, Dr. Ludmerer.
21 A. Good morning.
22 Q. I don't think I have introduced myself to
23 you, but I'm ray Thomas, and I represented the
24 Estate of Jesse Williams in this case.
25 Did you bring a file or resume or a

1 curriculum vitae with you from St. Louis?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you have any, I guess, billing
4 documents or materials to help me just see how much
5 you have billed and what you have charged and those
6 kind of things?

7 A. I have no documents.

8 Q. Did anybody instruct you to leave your
9 documents at home?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Well, I'm just going to have to go back
12 then to some things that I want to follow up on
13 from yesterday.

14 You spent a thousand hours reviewing
15 scientific literature, I think you testified
16 yesterday; right?

17 A. Primarily, the scientific literature, but
18 also I also indicated secondarily literature as
19 well. The entire project was approximately 1,000
20 hours.

21 Q. And did that include reviewing what have
22 come to be known as the Hill & Knowlton or H&K
23 documents about the formation in the early years of
24 the Tobacco Industry Research Counsel?

25 A. No, it does not. In fact, I don't know

1 what the documents are that you are referring to.

2 Q. Did anybody from the tobacco company ever
3 suggest to you that before you came out here to
4 testify you might want to look at what those Hill &
5 Knowlton documents might say about what was
6 happening within the tobacco industry at the time
7 that some of this scientific information was being
8 developed?

9 A. No, they did not. And actually, that
10 would have been an entirely different project from
11 my original assignment, which I testified about
12 today, which was the state of scientific knowledge
13 and the medical community from the 1930s through
14 the Surgeon General's report to start looking at
15 internal company documents and advertising and
16 public relations, as you're suggesting, was an
17 entirely different project, and I was not asked to
18 do it. Quite frankly, I don't think I would have
19 had a particular interest in doing that.

20 Q. Well, in regard to the project that you
21 spent the thousand hours on, was that something
22 that was commissioned or you said it was an
23 assignment, was that an assignment from a tobacco
24 company?

25 A. It was a self-directed assignment that I

1 did in conjunction, not with the tobacco company,
2 it was done with one of the legal firms that does
3 represent tobacco companies.

4 Q. Okay. Well, let's just make it clear.
5 It was done with the legal firm that represents
6 tobacco companies, but it was done on behalf of the
7 tobacco company? It wasn't something that just
8 coincidentally --

9 A. Perhaps I can explain to you the
10 circumstances of that project.

11 Q. Okay. That is fine. But here's the
12 situation for just you and I. I'm going to try to
13 limit this to a half hour. If I'm still asking you
14 a question, would you please not interrupt me, and
15 I'll try not to interrupt you?

16 A. Okay. It's just my inexperience of being
17 a witness.

18 Q. Okay. Well, would you please try not to
19 interrupt me, and I'll try not to interrupt you?
20 Okay?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. All right.

23 Now, just so that it's clear from what
24 you said, it wasn't coincidental that the tobacco
25 industry lawyers asked you to do this; it was a

1 project undertaken on behalf of their client, a
2 tobacco company; correct?

3 A. I think that misrepresents the actual
4 circumstances of the project. It was a project
5 that was done at my direction. And in doing the
6 project, I insisted on having total control of the
7 project.

8 I insisted at the beginning that I would
9 not undertake it unless I determined from the
10 parameters of the project how it would be
11 approached, that I would do it the same systematic,
12 thorough, comprehensive fashion that I do all of my
13 research, that I make no guarantees as to what the
14 findings would be, that I would assume total
15 responsibility for the project, as I do for my own
16 research. This is not -- it was not done in any
17 other fashion.

18 Q. What I asked you, sir, was if it was done
19 on behalf of the tobacco company; in other words,
20 it was the tobacco company that paid the bill for
21 the time? That is all I'm trying to get at?

22 A. I presume, it was, yes.

23 Q. Well, did you see your check?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. Your series of checks; right?

1 A. There were a series of checks.

2 Q. And did they come from a tobacco company
3 or from the law firm?

4 A. They came from the law firm.

5 Q. Okay. Now, there were no strings
6 attached to this?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Well, let's say if you had come up with a
9 conclusion that was unfavorable to the interests of
10 the tobacco company, was your subject something
11 that was going to appear in a peer-review
12 historical journal?

13 A. There was no determination of that.

14 Q. Well, let's put it this way. Have the
15 opinions that you testified about yesterday
16 appeared in a peer-review historical journal for
17 evaluation and examination by your colleagues in
18 the field of history?

19 A. I have not published this material.

20 Q. Well, in regard to other work that you
21 have done, in terms of the tobacco industry, have
22 you published any peer-review historical or medical
23 analysis regarding cigarettes and health as the
24 primary topic?

25 A. This is the only project that I have done

1 with relation to a law firm that represents
2 tobacco. I have not published any papers or books
3 dealing with tobacco.

4 Q. Okay. Well, let me see if I have got it
5 right about some of the things that you said
6 yesterday.

7 I think you said that in 1964 or at least
8 after 1964, and I wrote this down, and I'm not sure
9 I got it right, there was a quieting down of the
10 controversy relating to smoking and health?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And you said, I think, that it's
13 established in sort of the epidemiological
14 development a goal standard; is that right?

15 A. The work relating to tobacco and health,
16 that we discussed yesterday, was essential, not
17 only in showing that there was a relationship
18 between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, but in
19 my view it was even more important because it
20 stimulated for the first time in the history of
21 medicine the development of this particular new
22 field, the use of the epidemiology of chronic
23 diseases, the use of statistical methods to
24 evaluate causation and chronic disease, and this
25 new field emerged with the as part of the tobacco

1 controversy. So that with the Surgeon General's
2 report in a sense we have the birth of a new field
3 which has become a very important medical
4 discipline. It was born at this time, and we now
5 have techniques that were first used with tobacco
6 that had now been used to establish to study many
7 other diseases, as well.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 In with regard to some of the things that
10 you talked about, you said that there were some
11 retrospective studies that were used to determine
12 the epidemiological link between smoking and lung
13 cancer; correct?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. And we talked about and you used the word
16 "controversy" yesterday. I'm going to show you --
17 you have examined the Surgeon General's report from
18 1964, have you not?

19 A. Yes, I have.

20 MR. THOMAS: Counsel, I'm going to show
21 on Page 27.

22 BY MR. THOMAS:

23 Q. Just in terms of whether or not there was
24 a controversy or not, I'm going to read to you, and
25 this is the Park Rose High School library, a copy

1 of this, part of the analysis was based upon
2 population studies; right?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And population studies were important in
5 terms of establishing the connection between
6 cigarette smoking and health; is that correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Well, I would like to just -- maybe you
9 could just come down? Would you come down and
10 stand beside me, please? And I'm going to read
11 this section.

12 Why don't you come and stand by me?

13 A. Can I just take a look at what section
14 you are in?

15 Q. Sure. But I'm a little afraid you are
16 going to lose my place, but go ahead. It is the
17 kinds of evidence. I'll show you. It's Page 27.

18 A. Okay. I see.

19 Q. All right.

20 In terms of what was known before '64,
21 I'm going to read this paragraph right here.

22 "In retrospective studies," that is the
23 kind of studies you described; right?

24 A. That was the first set of studies that
25 began in 1950 looking backward.

1 Q. "The smoking histories of persons with a
2 specified disease, for example, lung cancer, are
3 compared with those of appropriate control groups
4 without the disease. For lung cancer alone, 29
5 such retrospective studies have been made in recent
6 years. Despite many variations in design and
7 method, all but one which dealt with females showed
8 that proportionately more cigarette smokers are
9 found among the lung cancers published than in the
10 control population without lung cancer."

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. That was a correct statement, was it not?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. There weren't any retrospective studies
15 as of 1964 that were examined here that resulted in
16 a conclusion that there was no connection between
17 men smoking and lung cancer, were there?

18 A. As I have said, one of the powers of the
19 retrospective studies that was that they were
20 consistent, so that they all had very similar
21 effects, which cause many people to worry and do
22 more studies and confirm them. And, yes, they were
23 very similar in their qualitative evidence, and
24 that is a correct statement.

25 Q. Would it be fair to say that in terms of

1 the retrospective studies there was not a
2 controversy about the findings from these 29,
3 actually it was 28 because one dealt with the
4 female, about the connection between smoking and
5 specifically lung cancer?

6 A. I believe that question does not
7 accurately characterize the Surgeon General's
8 report and the meaning of the report.

9 If you read the Surgeon General's report,
10 which I have many times, it emphasizes the point
11 that ultimately judgment and science, in any
12 matter, not just lung cancer or cigarette smoking
13 is that, a question of judgment.

14 So, if you look at the retrospective
15 studies, they shocked the scientific world, this
16 seemingly innocuous habit, two-thirds of adult
17 Americans are still smoking, might be dangerous.

18 The retrospective studies were consistent
19 in their results. The findings were consistent.
20 The question was: What do they mean? What is the
21 interpretation? Is this a simple statistical
22 association that has no cause and effect, and the
23 same way you can show a statistical association
24 between lung cancer and the spreading use of the
25 automobile, or is there something more in these

1 results that it might ultimately lead to further
2 evidence that could show a cause and effect
3 relationship.

4 So, the findings were agreed on. The
5 controversy debate and discussion that among within
6 the scientific community was: What do these
7 findings mean? What types of additional studies do
8 we need to do to determine what these findings
9 mean?

10 Q. Okay. Thank you.

11 Now, in regard to the conclusion section,
12 I'm just going to skip ahead a couple of pages.
13 All right.

14 I apologize on to the jury if this isn't
15 completely big enough to read.

16 But in regard to the findings -- whoops.
17 There. The effects of smoking, principal findings.

18 "Cigarette smoking is associated with a
19 70-percent increase in the age-specific death rates
20 of males;" is that right?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. All right. Now, you could resume or go
23 back to the stand.

24 And you can see, I believe, this one on
25 the judge's monitor because I'll make it big.

1 This is Exhibit 5. It's the Frank
2 Statement. And there is a historical statement
3 here. And it's that one that I have the red on.
4 It talks about allegations about tobacco. Now, we
5 are talking about cigarettes, however, in the Frank
6 Statement; right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. "One by one, these charges have been
9 abandoned for lack of evidence."

10 Well, allegations about smoking and lung
11 cancer, those weren't abandoned for lack of
12 evidence, were they?

13 A. No, they were not, obviously.

14 Q. Now, you did read the Frank Statement?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. Did you ever read anything by the tobacco
17 industry saying that, well, you know, oh, that
18 Frank Statement, yeah, back there in '54, well, we
19 said they were all abandoned; looked like things
20 changed; we really weren't right on that one? Did
21 you ever see them come out, come up with a
22 correction or --

23 A. I have never studied anything from the
24 standpoint of the tobacco industry behavior or
25 internal documents.

1 My assignment, if you will, my project
2 that I'm reporting on was the scientific and
3 medical literature what was going on in medical
4 science during this period. And I have no
5 information at all in terms of what the tobacco
6 companies thought or did or said.

7 Q. All right. Well, in terms --

8 A. Other than the Frank Statement, which I
9 have read.

10 Q. Okay. In terms of what was known and not
11 known or agreed or not agreed, in 1958, for
12 example, were you aware that there was a visit to
13 the United States and Canada by a group of British
14 scientists who came over here and interviewed
15 people in the scientific community and in the
16 tobacco industry about the relative certainty that
17 those people in the industry in the community had
18 about the connection between cigarettes and cancer?

19 A. I have no knowledge of such a visit. As
20 I have already indicated, I have not studied
21 anything at all of the history of the tobacco
22 companies or tobacco industries.

23 Q. Well, I'm going to show what is
24 Plaintiff's Exhibit 28, and it's already been shown
25 to the jury.

1 Now, this is what's called, and I'm just
2 going to instructed you on it, I guess, a little
3 bit, this is what's called a redacted document.

4 A. I'm sorry, a what?

5 Q. Redacted. It's a term for court, and it
6 means that a part of the document has been ruled
7 not to be considered by the jury or to be in
8 evidence, but a part has been ruled to be in
9 evidence.

10 And so I'm going to focus your attention
11 on those parts which have been determined to be in
12 evidence for consideration in this case. And I'm
13 going to ask you if you agree or disagree with a
14 couple of things that are in this report.

15 First of all, sir, I would like for you
16 to assume for purposes of this series of questions
17 that, in fact, Philip Morris was visited and that
18 they were on the itinerary for this, and that
19 scientists within their company were talked to as a
20 result of this trip.

21 First of all, the question or one of the
22 questions to be asked in 1958 was the extent to
23 which it is accepted that cigarette smoke causes
24 lung cancer. And you can see that on the Judge's
25 monitor there. I know it's kind of small, but that

1 is what it is.

2 And in terms of what they found, in terms
3 of what is the, quote, "controversy," unquote, I'm
4 going to read it to you. You can perhaps follow
5 along with me.

6 "With one exception," and I'm going to
7 represent to you that M.S.N Greene was not with at
8 least Philip Morris, "the individuals whom we met
9 believe that smoking causes lung cancer if by,
10 quote, 'causation' we mean any chain of events
11 which leads finally to lung cancer and which
12 involves smoking as an indispensable link.

13 "In the U.S.A. only Berkson, apparently
14 is now prepared to doubt the statistical evidence
15 and his reasoning is nowhere thought to be sound."

16 Now, do you disagree or agree with that
17 as a state of affairs in 1958?

18 A. I'm sorry. Disagree or agree with?

19 Q. With the statement that in the U.S.A.
20 only Berkson apparently is now prepared to doubt
21 the statistical evidence and his reasoning is
22 nowhere thought to be sound?

23 A. That statement is a highly inaccurate
24 statement with the actual state of the knowledge at
25 that time.

1 Q. All right.

2 A. It does not accurately reflect the dialog
3 and discussion that was going on in the scientific
4 community at that time.

5 Q. I'm going to ask you if you disagree or
6 agree with two more statements that again are
7 redacted, which means that they are available for
8 our review and are in evidence.

9 "Otherwise, we found general acceptance
10 of the view that the most likely means of causation
11 is that tobacco smoke contains carcinogenic
12 substances present in sufficient quantity to
13 provide lung cancer when acting for a long time in
14 a sensitive individual."

15 Do you disagree or agree with that
16 statement, as of 1958?

17 A. It's difficult for me to see that
18 statement.

19 Q. Oh, I'll show it to you. Right here.

20 A. Is this the visit to Philip Morris
21 scientists?

22 Q. This is the visit by British scientists
23 to the United States and Canada, which included
24 Philip Morris scientists and their people on its
25 itinerary, as well as a number of other people who

1 were in the scientific community and in the tobacco
2 industry in the United States and Canada.

3 A. And if you would, please, restate your
4 question for me now?

5 Q. Do you agree or disagree with the
6 statement that I just handed to you? And after you
7 read it, I will put it back on the monitor.

8 A. It's difficult for the historian to
9 render an assessment of a little snippet. All of
10 my historical training says, A, be comprehensive,
11 and also know much more about the document, the
12 circumstance of the document and who wrote it and
13 for what reason and how it was received.

14 You know, just seeing this is kind of
15 second or third-hand. I don't know who wrote it.
16 I don't know who they talked to. I don't know if
17 they intentionally selected the scientists who had
18 one view and ignore the scientists who had another
19 view. But I do know that it is that the state of
20 scientific knowledge in 1958 was that it was an
21 open question as to whether lung cancer was caused
22 by cigarette smoking with many people, probably the
23 majority of the people numerically at that time,
24 believing the evidence was sufficient, but with a
25 substantial and highly respectable minority with

1 some of the particularly distinguished names, like
2 Dr. Fisher who had not accepted that yet.

3 Q. Thank you.

4 Now, in regard to the final conclusion,
5 and, again, this is part of the same document,
6 based on the same visit in 1958.

7 "Although there remains some doubt as to
8 the proportion of the total lung cancer mortality
9 which can fairly be attributed to smoking,
10 scientific opinion in the U.S.A. does not now
11 seriously doubt that the statistical correlation is
12 real and reflects the cause and effect
13 relationship."

14 As of 1958, would you agree or disagree
15 with that statement about the --

16 A. I would definitely disagree with that
17 statement. Whoever wrote it, and I don't know who
18 wrote it and what that person's opinions were and
19 how many or how few individuals he spoke with or
20 she spoke with or what the biases or prejudices of
21 those individuals were or what individuals or
22 scientists that person did not speak with.

23 I don't know anything about the visit.
24 As a historian, I can't make -- I can really make
25 nothing about one little snippet when I'm

1 accustomed to looking at millions of documents in
2 the project and putting things together.

3 I can say that that statement did not
4 accurately reflect the state of knowledge. It was
5 an inaccurate description of the state of
6 knowledge.

7 I have reviewed the world scientific
8 information at that time, and the statement that
9 you put up now is an inaccurate assessment of that.

10 Q. All right. Well, before we go on, I'm
11 just going to show you the itinerary in terms of
12 who they talked to because you did ask about that.

13 American Tobacco Company; Medical College
14 of Virginia, Richmond; Duke University; L&M, that
15 is a tobacco company; Philip Morris; A. D. Little;
16 TIRC, that is the Tobacco Industry Research
17 Council; Roswell Park Memorial Institute.

18 And I'm going to speed up now. Are you
19 ready.

20 Yale University; Biological Research
21 Institute, Inc. of Cambridge; Rosco Jackson
22 Laboratory; The Industry Technical Committee of the
23 TIRC; The National Cancer Institute; John's Hopkins
24 Hospital; Sloan Kettering.

25 Have you heard of them?

1 The people in the Toronto?

2 I mean, that is a pretty wide itinerary,
3 isn't it?

4 A. Yes. They went to many reputable and
5 distinguished places.

6 Q. All right. Thank you.

7 Do you agree -- and you don't have to get
8 up because I think the jury will remember it, it
9 was that first chart. Here we go. Thank you.

10 That you and Mr. Randles did. And
11 remember, it had scientific knowledge on the one
12 side and common knowledge on the other?

13 Well, would you agree with me that
14 scientific knowledge tends to have an impact on
15 common knowledge?

16 A. I would agree that over the long run it
17 does. Certainly, there is no necessary correlation
18 between the two. Sometimes there's a lot of common
19 wisdom about something that is not based in fact.
20 Over the long term, it probably does. But that is
21 not to say anything about the short term. And
22 certainly they are two different beasts entirely.

23 Q. Well, would it be fair to say that if a
24 person or an organization was to compile a list of
25 scientific knowledge and distribute it to opinion

1 leaders in the country that might have an effect on
2 common knowledge about a scientific issue?

3 A. Certainly could, particularly if the
4 opinion leaders spoke publicly about it. If you
5 have a private meeting, I doubt that is going to
6 effect the common knowledge. But certainly it
7 could. That is not to say it would, but it
8 certainly could.

9 Q. So, for example, if the tobacco industry
10 group released a document called "A Scientific
11 Perspective On The Cigarette Controversy, in 1954,
12 and distributed it very widely, 205,000 of these
13 things printed and sent to opinion leaders
14 throughout the country, such a document might have
15 an impact on the common knowledge and beliefs that
16 people have about the link between smoking and lung
17 cancer; right?

18 A. Could you rephrase that question, please?
19 I didn't quite follow it all.

20 Q. All right. If the Tobacco Industry
21 Research Council in 1954 sent a document, this is
22 Exhibit 13, 205,000 of these things called
23 "Scientific Perspective On The Cigarette
24 Controversy," to the opinion leaders in the United
25 States in 1954 that might have an impact upon what

1 became common knowledge about the link between
2 cigarettes and cancer?

3 A. I'm really not an expert in public
4 awareness and things of that sort. It does strike
5 me that there's some inaccurate premises in your
6 question. And --

7 Q. In terms of whether or not a large scale
8 mailing with a title about "A Scientific
9 Perspective" would or would not likely have an
10 impact upon public opinion -- can you just let me
11 finish, please -- can you tell me whether or not
12 there is a possibility that such a large-scale
13 mailing would have an impact or not?

14 A. Certainly, there is a possibility of
15 that. Anything is possible.

16 But, if I may explain my answer, you have
17 to put it in the whole context.

18 No. 1, there is a huge scientific
19 undertaking on the science of the question by some
20 of the best scientists in the world that is going
21 on through its own momentum.

22 No. 2, this is being widely reported in
23 all of the press. So, if one is taking -- you
24 know, trying to assess public awareness, and I'm
25 not a public awareness expert, but certainly, as a

1 historian, you have to try to look at everything
2 that is going on. And there is wide-spread
3 reporting of this scientific controversy,
4 television and radio, Reader's Digest, and other
5 magazines, and in newspapers around the country.

6 I think it's only natural to presume that
7 the tobacco companies are going to be interested.
8 It's kind of understandable that if they are going
9 to be particularly interested at this time and in
10 views that are more cautious in terms of health
11 risks in terms of any relationship between
12 cigarette smoking and lung cancer, you know, they
13 are going to take the most favorable, legitimate
14 interpretation of the evidence of the day.

15 But if you are trying to ask what's going
16 to influence the public understanding, it's the
17 totality of all of this. It's not just one mailing
18 of one document, but day after day after day, week
19 after week after week, all of the reporting by
20 Edward R. Merle and the news and the television and
21 the radio.

22 And again, I'm not a public awareness
23 expert, but if you're asking me as a historian
24 what's going to influence public awareness, it
25 would seem to me it's again it's the totality of

1 everything that is being reported.

2 Q. Fair enough.

3 Now, based upon, let's move forward in
4 time to 1964. This was the time period when the
5 goal standard was established and the controversy
6 died down in your testimony of yesterday; correct?

7 A. I think it would be a little more
8 accurate to say a new goal standard was
9 established. Certainly no one through out the
10 experimental standard which had been the dominant
11 standard for five centuries of medicine remains
12 today. I think it might be more accurate to say a
13 new standard stand with experimental standards
14 emerged. And the public controversy certainly
15 didn't -- certainly died down.

16 And, of course, the Surgeon General's
17 report lead to warnings on cigarette packages so
18 every smoker, every time you light the cigarette,
19 you are going to see the warning on the package
20 that you have made an informed choice and, you
21 know, it's up to you.

22 But certainly there are many unanswered
23 questions that continued to be investigated. And
24 there are different points of view, and there were
25 still those who remain uneasy at the fact that the

1 experimental data isn't in. What does this mean?
2 What does this tell us about cancer, about biology
3 about epidemiological methods?

4 So a lot of investigation and discussion.
5 We know much more about lung cancer and cancer in
6 general today than we did in 1964. But certainly,
7 as a public health risk, the controversy died down,
8 and certainly we are way in 1999 are comfortable
9 using statistical methods to evaluate chronic
10 disease in a way individuals in the '50s and '60s
11 were not because those techniques were being
12 invented then and people were applying them for the
13 first time.

14 Q. All right.

15 So, my question is then, from a
16 scientific perspective, and I'm going to show you
17 Exhibit 50, which is dated 1964, the date or the
18 year in which the Surgeon General's report came
19 out, I'm going to represent to you that this is in
20 evidence and is a letter within the upper echelon
21 of Philip Morris executives, is -- and this is
22 going to be sort of a long question, but is
23 providing smokers a psychological crutch and a
24 self-rational to continue smoking the kind of
25 behavior that you described about three answers ago

1 when you said that certainly a company would put
2 its best scientific face forward in regard to the
3 controversy -- and I guess this is the real
4 question -- giving smokers a psychological crutch
5 and a self-rational to continue smoking, based upon
6 what was then known in the conclusions in the 1964
7 Surgeon General's report, from a scientific
8 perspective, a responsible endeavor on the part of
9 the tobacco company like Philip Morris, knowing
10 what they knew as of 1964?

11 A. Well, if I may, I would like to say --
12 make two points in response to that question.

13 First of all, as a historian, I can't
14 answer that question. It's one little document.
15 It would violate all of my training as a historian
16 to try to draw the history, a story, from one
17 little paragraph.

18 Again, what is the context? Who wrote
19 it? Why did they write it? How was it received?
20 For all I know, someone may have written back and
21 said, you know: Stupid idea; let's drop it.

22 So, I can't really draw any conclusion
23 about what the companies did or didn't do or what
24 they thought or didn't think from that little
25 snippet. It would be in violation of the

1 historical integrity to do so.

2 But the second point is that we do know
3 that the Surgeon General's report directly led to
4 warnings on the cigarette packages. So, from that
5 perspective, the cigarette companies were taken out
6 of it by that point. Smokers were -- you know,
7 certainly had the warnings on the packages.

8 Q. By 1964?

9 A. I said that the report led directly to
10 the warnings. Certainly, it took a little while
11 for the warnings. The warnings were not yet on the
12 packages, but the Surgeon General's report led to
13 the warnings.

14 Q. Have you, as a part of your analysis,
15 conducted any study at all of what percentage of
16 smokers or non-smokers believed about the
17 connection between cigarettes and lung cancer
18 either '64, '70, when the warning came out, '80,
19 have you done anything like that?

20 A. No, I have not. That is far out of my
21 area.

22 Q. So, your testimony about four or five
23 minutes ago about what people knew or didn't know
24 wasn't based upon your study; right?

25 A. It was -- which question are you

1 referring?

2 Q. Oh, there were the warnings and people
3 knew this and people knew that, what people --
4 common people, non-scientific people knew? It
5 wasn't based upon your scientific study that you
6 conducted on behalf of the tobacco company?

7 A. I'm just trying to answer your questions,
8 most of which have not dealt with my testimony.
9 I'm just trying to answer them as well as I can. I
10 am not an expert in public awareness. Let's make
11 that clear.

12 I'm a medical historian. Certainly,
13 there was an enormous amount of publicity and
14 attention to the findings about the controversy.

15 But yes, you are completely correct. I'm
16 not an expert in public awareness, and I don't have
17 the skills to study that as someone who is trained
18 in the field could do. And I have taken no study
19 myself to assess what Mr. Smith or Mrs. Jones in
20 the street might have thought or might not have
21 thought at any point in time. That is completely
22 correct. That is not my area of expertise.

23 Q. Well, in regard to a continuing
24 scientific controversy or lack of controversy, I'm
25 going to represent to you that the Tobacco

1 Institute, as recently as 1982, put out information
2 about a scientific perspective on the connection
3 between smoking and cancer.

4 Did you read any of these materials in
5 preparation for your testimony today?

6 A. No, I did not. As I indicated, my formal
7 preparation, if you will, ended in January of 1964
8 with the Surgeon General's report.

9 Q. Well, isn't it correct, however, that
10 while maybe your formal preparation ended in 1964,
11 yesterday you told the jury a number of things
12 about what happened after 1964? That there was a
13 reasonable basis for concluding or at least that
14 you would not risk disrespect a person, based upon
15 the scientific knowledge available today, said that
16 there was not sufficient basis to believe that
17 cigarettes smoking causes cancer? You testified
18 about that yesterday, didn't you?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Well, if you were to examine the
21 controversy, as recently as 1982, from a scientific
22 perspective, would it be fair to say that at least
23 by 1982 certainly there really wasn't much of a
24 controversy about an established link between
25 cigarette smoking and lung cancer?

1 A. First of all, in terms of your time, I
2 would like to reiterate that I systematically
3 studied the world scientific literature through
4 1964. I have read many secondarily sources about
5 tobacco and epidemiology and lung cancer as part of
6 my preparation. And, of course, as a physician, I
7 went to medical school. I continued to read. I
8 teach medicine. So, I have familiarity. I have
9 not systematically studied the literature year by
10 year, month by month, paper by paper.

11 I think it is -- the most accurate answer
12 is that the world view changed. As time goes on,
13 you have the '60s, the '70, the '80s, we became --
14 by we, I mean the scientific community, by now is
15 much more accustomed to using statistical evidence.
16 This is what I was taught in medical school, and I
17 accept it and tell that to my students today.

18 On the other hand, we have a five-century
19 long tradition of -- that demands experimental
20 verification to demonstrate cause, and that is a
21 pretty important tradition, too, even today.

22 And the fact is that, to the best of my
23 knowledge, experimental evidence has not yet
24 brought forth in the same way that we have
25 statistical evidence. So, this dilemma continues

1 today.

2 What's different is that we now have a
3 new world view. Most scientists are comfortable
4 using statistical information. That is not to say
5 that it's unreasonable to have a different standard
6 of proof. Everyone, I believe, recognizes that
7 cigarette smoking is dangerous for your health.
8 Everyone including those that I'm aware of who --

9 Q. Excuse me, Doctor. Are you talking
10 about --

11 A. The scientific community.

12 Q. Oh. Okay.

13 A. The scientific community.

14 Q. All right.

15 A. You know, what we teach in medical
16 school. We tell our patients, all of us tell our
17 patients not to smoke. We all recognize cigarette
18 smoking to be a major public health risk.

19 But when we sit down among ourselves in
20 our seminars, in our conference rooms, in our
21 offices, in our doctor's lounge, and say: Has
22 experimental evidence really come in yet? Well, it
23 hasn't. And some people are willing to, the
24 majority, myself among them, are willing to say,
25 you know, I accept, you know, I'll accept

1 causality, based on statistical information, but
2 it's not my opinion to say it's unreasonable to
3 say, you know, from a theoretical standpoint we
4 haven't proved it, because where is the
5 experimental evidence? That discussion continues.
6 And in my view it's an important discussion,
7 because I think when it is resolved we are going to
8 learn a lot. That is going to help with us lung
9 cancer and other types of cancer, as well.

10 Q. Isn't it correct, Doctor, that people in
11 the scientific and medical community have a
12 considerable responsibility to those of us who are
13 lay people to be careful about the things that they
14 say which might be interpreted by lay people to
15 indicate that it hasn't been proven that cigarettes
16 cause cancer, and, therefore, for example, it's an
17 open question; we don't know, and I can continue to
18 smoke without fear?

19 A. I didn't quite follow all of that. Will
20 could you please repeat the question?

21 Q. I'll try again. Isn't it a pretty big
22 responsibility that people in the scientific
23 community have or, for that matter, people who
24 would report the results of what happens or is
25 believed in the scientific community, because for

1 us lay people when somebody says it hasn't been
2 scientifically established that smoking causes lung
3 cancer, for those of us who don't have the
4 scientific and medical training to be able to
5 distinguish between epidemiological studies, on the
6 one hand, and what happens in the laboratory on the
7 other hand, we might conclude well, it hasn't been
8 shown that smoking causes lung cancer, and I can
9 continue to smoke without fear?

10 A. Well, there are several questions that I
11 perceive in the question that you asked.

12 Yes, in my general personal opinion, we
13 in medicine and science have an enormous social
14 responsibility to report and popularize the results
15 of scientific inquiry in a responsible fashion.

16 Number 2, insofar as how the public
17 responds to any statements, which was also part of
18 your question, I don't know. As you already
19 yourself pointed out, I'm not an expert in public
20 awareness and in how people respond.

21 So, even with the best scientific
22 reporting and science teaching in elementary school
23 and high school and college, how well and
24 effectively the message would be brought across, I
25 don't know. That is out of my area.

1 And then the third part of it is that I
2 want to emphasize that discussions continue today
3 to what causes lung cancer and where is that
4 experimental proof?

5 But to say that something has not been
6 proved to be a cause is much different than saying
7 I don't know of anyone who has said that cigarette
8 smoking is safe.

9 And secondly, I don't know of, you know,
10 anybody in the scientific community who has
11 encouraged people to smoke because experimental
12 evidence is not in.

13 Those acquaintances of mine who might be
14 more traditional and want experimental evidence and
15 might even be looking for it themselves are just as
16 strong in their viewpoint as I am and the rest of
17 us are that smoking is a public health danger, and
18 we advise our patients not to smoke.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 Now, and I guess it goes without saying,
21 certainly, you don't tell your patients in your
22 clinical practice that you can smoke without fear
23 because there has not been developed a laboratory
24 testing that has conclusively demonstrated with
25 confidence that cigarettes cause cancer, do you?

1 A. I have never told a patient to smoke, and
2 I have told every one of my patients in my career
3 in medicine that does smoke that it would be wise
4 for them not to smoke.

5 Q. And it would also not be responsible
6 corporate behavior, would it, for a tobacco company
7 to put out, through its Tobacco Institute, as
8 recently as 1982 a booklet for common people, lay
9 people, to examine called "Cigarette Smoking and
10 Cancer," which would contain a suggestion that the
11 proof just isn't in? Would that be responsible?

12 MR. RANGLES: Objection. Beyond the
13 scope beyond this witness's expertise.

14 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.
15 BY MR. THOMAS:

16 Q. From a scientist's perspective, in 1982
17 was it a fair, honest summary of the scientific
18 community's view in regard to smoking and health
19 for the Tobacco Institute or a tobacco company to
20 say, quote, "The assertion that cigarette smoking
21 is the cause of lung cancer ignores basic
22 unresolved questions about the laboratory data,
23 smoking patterns and mortality rates, diagnostic
24 variations, and other confounding factors"?

25 MR. RANGLES: Your Honor, may we

1 approach?

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 Jurors, I'm sustaining Mr. Randles'
4 objection to the last question. Disregard the
5 question. It is stricken.

6 Proceed.

7 BY MR. THOMAS:

8 Q. Would it be responsible as late as the
9 1980s for a tobacco company to put out information
10 to common people, to lay people, about the failure
11 by science to establish a causal link between
12 smoking and cancer?

13 MR. RANGLES: Objection. Beyond the
14 scope. No foundation. Beyond this witness's
15 expertise.

16 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.
17 The witness is not qualified to speak in terms of
18 what is responsible for a tobacco company.

19 Objection sustained.

20 BY MR. THOMAS:

21 Q. Would it be leading to what you called
22 yesterday the invigorating controversy for a
23 tobacco company to put out information suggesting
24 that there was not established a scientific causal
25 link between smoking and lung cancer, as recently

1 as the 1980s?

2 A. Is it responsible? Is that your
3 question? Or -- I didn't. Could you repeat that,
4 please?

5 MR. THOMAS: I don't know if I could ask
6 Jennifer to?

7 * * *

8 (Whereupon, the court reporter read the pending
9 question back to the witness: WOULD IT BE
10 LEADING TO WHAT YOU CALLED YESTERDAY THE
11 INVIGORATING CONTROVERSY FOR A TOBACCO COMPANY
12 TO PUT OUT INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT THERE
13 WAS NOT ESTABLISHED A SCIENTIFIC CAUSAL LINK
14 BETWEEN SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER, AS RECENTLY
15 AS THE 1980s? After which the proceedings
16 continued, as follows:)

17 * * *

18 THE WITNESS: Not having seen the
19 document you are referring to, I have to qualify
20 any answer that I might give.

21 Permit me to say -- make two points in
22 response to that.

23 No. 1, the specific point that in the
24 1980s it was a very accurate statement to say
25 that the experimental evidence was not in, and,

1 by that standard, cause had not been proven;
2 epidemiological evidence was in, by that
3 standard, cause has been proven. And most people
4 today accept epidemiological standard.

5 No. 2, in general, as a scientist and an
6 educator, I'm very concerned and troubled about
7 the low level of scientific understanding in the
8 general public. Some of my colleagues report to
9 me that they have gone to Congress to testify for
10 NIH budgets, and something of the range of
11 two-thirds of our Congressmen cannot tell you
12 what a cell is.

13 I believe that any steps that can be
14 taken to educate the public in a responsible
15 fashion about science where there is having
16 high-quality teaching of science in our high
17 schools, in our junior high schools, perhaps even
18 better study in the elementary schools, or having
19 continuing education, if you will, on any subject
20 about fundamental scientific principles, speaking
21 in general, to my mind, that is good.

22 But I want to emphasize that I'm speaking
23 as giving a personal view. That certainly is not
24 a professional, historical medicine type of
25 statement, as I testified on yesterday.

1 Q. Well, from that perspective, Doctor,
2 isn't it true that knowing that lay people don't
3 have a real good understanding of a lot of
4 complicated scientific principles, is a reason
5 that, while the invigorating controversy in the
6 scientific community might be invigorating for the
7 scientists, if only part of the controversy is
8 taken and shown to the American people or composed
9 of people who don't have a scientific
10 understanding, it may very well lead them to make
11 decisions about personal health which are not in
12 their self-interest, isn't that right?

13 MR. RANGLES: Your Honor, beyond the
14 scope. Again, beyond the area of this witness's
15 expertise.

16 THE COURT: It is argumentative.
17 You don't need to answer the question.
18 Proceed, please.

19 BY MR. THOMAS:

20 Q. And it's because lay people don't have
21 such an advanced scientific understanding that it's
22 important for people who would put forth scientific
23 opinions not to just show a one-sided view of
24 smoking and health; isn't that right?

25 MR. RANGLES: The same objection. And

1 it's argumentative.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 BY MR. THOMAS:

4 Q. Would you agree that it is important
5 because people don't have advanced scientific
6 knowledge that a balanced view be put forth by
7 anyone who would seek to publicize scientific
8 knowledge, including a tobacco company, about the
9 connection between smoking and lung cancer?

10 A. Well, certainly I'm in favor of a
11 balanced view, but it does strike me, again this is
12 beyond my area of expertise, that one doesn't need
13 to know a lot of science to know whether something
14 is healthy or not. You don't have to know the laws
15 of physics to know that if you do bungee jumping
16 it's dangerous or if you do sky jumping it's
17 dangerous.

18 And I would agree with you that
19 scientific education is a good thing. I would
20 agree with you that, very much that any individual,
21 whether a junior high school teacher or college
22 professor or an industry educating the public,
23 putting forth a view, should do so in a responsible
24 fashion.

25 But just speaking as a person and as a

1 physician, you don't have to know the underlying
2 biology and scientific principles to know that
3 cigarette smoking is dangerous.

4 Q. As a person, your opinion, however, is
5 not based upon an understanding of what poles of
6 smokers versus non-smokers have shown in terms of
7 smokers' appreciation of the connection between
8 smoking and lung cancer, is it?

9 MR. RANGLES: Objection. Beyond the
10 scope. Beyond this witness's expertise.

11 THE COURT: The objection is sustained.
12 BY MR. THOMAS:

13 Q. Did I hear wrong? Did the research that
14 you conducted which led to your opinions yesterday,
15 the thousand hours, was that done ten years or so
16 ago?

17 A. Correct, 1988 and 1989.

18 Q. And so you had ten years to take those
19 opinions that you got, after a thousand hours of
20 research, and put them into a paper, that could
21 have been reviewed by your historical peers, and,
22 yet, as of today you still haven't done that; is
23 that right?

24 A. That's correct. 1988 and 1989, I was
25 actually getting going on a new book which will be

1 published in September, "The History of American
2 Medical Education from World War I Through The
3 Present." That is where I wanted to put my
4 energies and not to try to publish the paper
5 relating to the tobacco controversy.

6 I'm an independent scholar, university
7 professor, university physician, and I have my own
8 research and writing agenda, and that is where I
9 put my emphasis.

10 Q. Well, then wouldn't it be fair to say,
11 Doctor, that in terms of the contribution that you
12 made to what was known by the human race, based
13 upon that thousand hours of work, at least if your
14 present intentions are followed through, that is
15 never going to be shared in a peer-review article
16 with the rest of your historical colleagues;
17 correct?

18 A. I have no inattention at this time of
19 publishing this. And one reason that I feel that
20 way is that has been done. There have been a
21 number of articles about the smoking controversy
22 and the events leading to the Surgeon General's
23 report that say essentially the same thing as I did
24 for you today, that in 1950 there was an explosion.
25 There was a bomb. All of a sudden this innocuous

1 habit is thought to be dangerous, and scientists
2 began investigating it, and new approaches were
3 developed and methods were developed. It was
4 debated in a collegian fashion. And it was
5 culminated with a Surgeon General's report in 1964.

6 That theme has already been expressed in
7 a number of publications, a number of papers, and
8 the history of medicine literature. So, for me to
9 take my time to write another paper would not be
10 adding much to the knowledge. I would rather spend
11 my time, my research time doing something unique,
12 something that hasn't been done already.

13 I believe I could help history and help
14 medicine more in that fashion.

15 Q. It's kind of like one of those things
16 when you avoid something has already been shown
17 before, is that it?

18 A. No, that is not correct at all. I did a
19 careful study, using the same methods that I do for
20 all of my work.

21 I have my own research agenda. The
22 writing of some papers on tobacco didn't fall into
23 it. And plus, a lot of similar papers had already
24 been written. There wouldn't have been much to
25 gain.

1 MR. THOMAS: No further questions.

2 MR. RANGLES: Very briefly, Your Honor.

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4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

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6 BY MR. RANGLES:

7 Q. Doctor, did any question you heard here
8 today change the opinions that you rendered to the
9 jury yesterday?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you decide what material you would
12 review for your historical research in preparation
13 for your testimony?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. Did you come to your own conclusions?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And I believe you mentioned you have
18 written three books regarding medical historical
19 matters; right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. The second one was nominated for Pulitzer
22 Prize?

23 A. Correct.

24 MR. THOMAS: Objection. This has all
25 been asked and answered.

1 MR. RANGLES: Just one question.

2 THE COURT: But let's not cover, in the
3 interest of time, what you have already covered.

4 BY MR. RANGLES:

5 Q. Did you apply the same rigorous standards
6 of historical research to this project as you did
7 to your work on your books?

8 A. Yes. I was just as conscientious on how
9 I did this particular project as I have been with
10 anything I have ever done in the history of
11 medicine.

12 MR. RANGLES: Thank you, Doctor.

13 No further questions.

14 THE COURT: Jurors, we are going to take
15 a very brief recess. We are going to be taking
16 the noon recess starting at 11:30 today. So I'll
17 need you to just hold this recess to as brief a
18 time as is necessary to use the facilities, and
19 we'll have you back in shortly.

20 Please leave your notes on the chair.
21 Don't discuss the case. Watch your step, please.

22 * * *

23 (Whereupon, the jury exited the courtroom, and
24 the proceedings continued, as follows:)

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1 THE COURT: Would you catch that door
2 please, Mr. Tauman or somebody? Thank you.
3 Anything for the record?

4 Mr. Thomas, did you want to put on the
5 record anything about our discussions at the
6 bench here?

7 MR. THOMAS: The defense objected. The
8 Court instructed me not to -- well, the Court
9 sustained the objection. I tried three different
10 ways to get the information that I was attempting
11 to cross-examine on. I think I succeeded without
12 objection the final time.

13 THE COURT: Oh. So you don't need to put
14 anything else on the record?

15 MR. THOMAS: No.

16 THE COURT: Very good.

17 MR. RANGLES: I would just like to put
18 two sentences on the record, that, once again, we
19 had the same problem. A document was not in
20 evidence, not shown to me, and Mr. Thomas began
21 reading from it to the jury. I think that is
22 unfair. And the Court has repeatedly admonished
23 Mr. Thomas about that.

24 MR. THOMAS: Well, I'm going to let the
25 Court --

1 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Thomas.

2 MR. THOMAS: I'm not aware, and maybe I
3 am going to learn, that non-evidence documents
4 which have contents that I have a good-faith
5 basis to question a witness about either knowing,
6 agreeing with or disagreeing with, may not be
7 summarized or quoted by me until the document is
8 shown to my opponent. I have never had that.

9 THE COURT: Well, let me try to state the
10 positive version of the rule.

11 Any exhibit received in evidence
12 obviously is usable. Documents can be used for
13 cross-examination, particularly for impeachment
14 purposes.

15 There are documents about which there is
16 controversy in this case. To the extent there
17 has been a document marked, but not received, I
18 don't want it read to any witness in the presence
19 of the jury, without notice to me, so that if
20 there is an objection we can deal with it outside
21 the presence of the jury.

22 There are any number of scenarios under
23 which a proper foundation can be laid for the use
24 of documents in examining and particularly
25 cross-examining a witness where the document

1 itself is not admissible in evidence, but can
2 form the basis of questions on cross-examination.

3 I think we have got a pretty definitive
4 universe of the documents about which there are
5 sensitivity.

6 And in the interest of getting this case
7 to the jury in one piece, I want to be very
8 plain. Nobody should read from a document to
9 which there has been already lodged an objection
10 in the presence of the jury, unless it's brought
11 to my attention ahead of time, so that we can
12 deal with those.

13 MR. THOMAS: And I'll tell the court and
14 Mr. Randles, as an officer of the Court, this was
15 not such a document and there was no allegation
16 made that it was.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Thomas, I'm not
18 suggesting that it was. I'm trying to state in a
19 positive way what I'm -- I'm trying to be helpful
20 so that I can make the rules as clear as
21 possible, without interfering with what is
22 rigorous advocacy. And I'm not suggesting you
23 have to show everything that you are going to
24 cross-examine about to an opposing party.

25 I'm not being critical. I'm trying to

1 make a ruling in a plain and clear way so that
2 everybody knows what the parameters are.

3 And I'm trying keep this case in one
4 piece so that it gets to the jury.

5 Okay. We were off the record now.

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7 (Whereupon, the proceedings continued, in the
8 jury's presence, in open court, after the
9 recess, as follows:)

10 * * *

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 Bring in the jury, please.

13 All right, jurors.

14 Mr. Sirridge is back now to call the next
15 witness on behalf of the defense.

16 MR. SIRRIDGE: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 Dr. Carl Fuhrman I'll call to the stand.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 Would you step here to the witness chair,
20 and remain standing, facing the clerk, please?

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1 DR. CARL FUHRMAN
2 was thereupon called as a witness on behalf of the
3 Defendant and, having been first duly sworn, was
4 examined and testified as follows:

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6 THE CLERK: Please be seated. And if I
7 could have you scoot in a little bit toward the
8 microphone, and just slightly over to your right.
9 Be careful. Don't get too close to the edge
10 there. Feel free to use the water.

11 And then please state your name. Spell
12 your first name and your last name.

13 THE WITNESS: My name is Carl Fuhrman.
14 It's spelled C-a-r-l F-u-h-r-m-a-n.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.
16 Mr. Sirridge.

17
18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19
20 BY MR. SIRRIDGE:

21 Q. Dr. Fuhrman, what is your current
22 professional position?

23 A. I'm a professor of radiology at the
24 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

25 Q. And, Doctor, I would like to go through

1 your educational a little bit.

2 Where did you get your undergraduate
3 degree?

4 A. I received my undergraduate degree in
5 mathematics and physics from the University of
6 Pittsburgh.

7 Q. Did you receive any honors for that
8 degree?

9 A. I graduated Magna Cum Laude.

10 Q. And where did you get your medical
11 degree?

12 A. I received my medical degree at the
13 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

14 Q. Did you receive any honors in that
15 program?

16 A. I graduated Cum Laude and was elected to
17 Alpha Omega Alpha.

18 Q. What does that signify?

19 A. It is an honorary medical society which
20 is reserved for the top ten percent of the
21 graduating class.

22 Q. Did you pursue an internship after your
23 medical degree?

24 A. I pursued an internship in internal
25 medicine for one year.

1 Q. And where was that?

2 A. That was at the University Health Center
3 of Pittsburgh, consisting of
4 Presbyterian-University Hospital and the VA
5 Hospital.

6 Q. Following your internship in medicine,
7 did you decide to specialize in any area?

8 A. I decided to specialize in diagnostic
9 radiology.

10 Q. And before we get started on in your
11 training program in radiology, could you tell the
12 jury what is the specialty of radiology?

13 A. Radiology is the specialty which is
14 divided into two sections. Diagnostic radiology is
15 involved with the diagnosis of many different
16 conditions using x-rays and other imaging
17 modalities, including ultrasound, including
18 medicine, including CAT scanning, MRI, and other
19 modalities.

20 Diagnostic radiology or therapeutic
21 radiology is the branch of radiology which is
22 reserved for the treatment usually of malignant
23 diseases.

24 THE COURT: Excuse me, Doctor. Would you
25 slow down just a touch?

1 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.

2 THE COURT: Go ahead.

3 BY MR. SIRRIDGE:

4 Q. All right. Could you give jury an idea
5 of how radiology works? How is it done, just in
6 general terms?

7 A. Basically, patients are referred to us
8 with requisitions from their referring physicians
9 for a particular study. The study can be a chest
10 x-ray, a barium enema, a mammogram, nuclear
11 medicine, bone scan.

12 The patient arrives in our department.
13 The examination is performed after evaluation of
14 the patient, and an interpretation is rendered, and
15 a written report is sent to the referring
16 physician.

17 Q. All right. Dr. Fuhrman, have you held
18 any academic positions in radiology?

19 A. Yes. In 1983 to 1988 I was an assistant
20 professor of radiology. I was then promoted to
21 associate professor of radiology, which I stayed at
22 for approximately four or five years. And I was
23 then promoted to a full professor of radiology at
24 the medical school.

25 Q. All right. What are your professional

1 responsibilities at the University of Pittsburgh in
2 the radiology department?

3 A. I'm chief of the division of thoracic
4 radiology, which is involved with all aspects of
5 chest radiology.

6 Q. And before that time, had you served as
7 chairman of the department of radiology?

8 A. I was the head of the division of general
9 radiology, which is a subdivision under a
10 chairmanship.

11 Q. Okay. And in your position as chief
12 thoracic or chest radiology, how many radiologists
13 are in that group?

14 A. We have five full-time chest radiologists
15 at the University of Pittsburgh.

16 Q. So, do you have a particular specialty
17 within the field of radiology then?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And that is?

20 A. Chest radiology.

21 Q. Doctor, are you board certified in
22 radiology?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And how does one become board certified?

25 A. One must complete an accredited residency

1 program during your senior year of residency. You
2 must take a written examination and pass both the
3 general radiology written examination, as well as a
4 written examination in medical physics. After
5 that, you are then qualified to take the oral
6 examination in diagnostic radiology.

7 Q. And when did you complete that board
8 certification, Doctor?

9 A. 1983.

10 Q. Yes. Are you also certified in
11 occupational chest disease?

12 A. Yes. I have a "B" Reader Certificate.

13 Q. Doctor, in your position at the
14 University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, are
15 you asked to undertake teaching duties?

16 A. Yes. I'm the director of undergraduate
17 medical education in radiology for the entire
18 medical school.

19 Q. And what kind of things do you do in your
20 teaching role? What kind of courses do you teach?
21 What kind of lectures do you give, that kind of
22 thing, could you tell the jury that?

23 A. We can divide them into the medical
24 student responsibilities, and my medical student
25 responsibilities include teaching radiology aspects

1 of chest radiology to first-year medical students
2 during the anatomy course.

3 I'm also responsible for directing the
4 radiology portion of the chest and pulmonary
5 section of the second-year medical student course.

6 And I'm in charge of the senior medical
7 student required courses in radiology, which is
8 required of all senior medical students and which
9 is given six times during the academic year.

10 Q. And, Doctor, when you to use the term
11 pulmonary radiology, is that specially the same
12 thing has lung radiology?

13 A. It would also include some aspects of
14 cardiac radiology, but yes, it would also include
15 all of pulmonary radiology.

16 Q. In your teaching role, Dr. Fuhrman, at
17 the university, have you received any teaching
18 awards?

19 A. Yes, I have.

20 Q. And I don't want to embarrass you, but
21 have you been elected Teacher of the Year Award?

22 A. Yes, I have.

23 Q. How many times have you received that?

24 A. From the residents of the University of
25 Pittsburgh, I think approximately five times.

1 Q. And have you also received the
2 President's Distinguished Teaching Award?

3 A. Yes, I have, in 1991.

4 Q. Doctor, are you asked to give lectures in
5 chest radiology to different schools and
6 universities in this country?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And are you also asked to give lectures
9 in chest radiology to various universities and
10 hospitals in foreign countries?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And when you give those lectures, do you
13 generally talk about the different diagnostic
14 issues of lung cancer?

15 A. Lung cancer is a frequently requested
16 topic at the universities, yes.

17 Q. Doctor, do you belong to the American
18 Medical Association and various state and local
19 medical associations?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you also belong to the medical
22 organizations that are restricted just to
23 radiologists?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And are those elected memberships?

1 A. Some are elected memberships, yes.
2 Q. Give me an example of that?
3 A. The American College of Radiology.
4 Q. And are you also a member of specialty
5 groups in the field of chest medicine and chest
6 radiology?
7 A. Yes. I have been elected to the American
8 College of Chest Physicians and the Society of
9 Thoracic Radiology.
10 Q. And, Doctor, is there any special
11 committee in the American College of Chest
12 Physicians that you have been assigned to or
13 appointed to?
14 A. I have been on the subcommittee for lung
15 cancer.
16 Q. Doctor, do you have any scientific or
17 medical publications in the field of radiology?
18 A. Yes, I do.
19 Q. How many do you have, approximately?
20 A. Approximately, 50.
21 Q. And do those involve articles in medical
22 journals?
23 A. Articles in medical journals, book
24 chapters, and other articles and seminars.
25 Q. And are the articles you publish in

1 medical journals are those in what are called
2 peer-reviewed journals?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And what are peer-reviewed journals? Can
5 you explain that concept to the jury?

6 A. A peer-review journal is a journal which
7 you submit an article to, and that article is then
8 sent around the country to other experts in the
9 field who review the article, and, if they approve
10 of the article, it is then accepted for
11 publication.

12 In the University setting, the only
13 publications which are considered when you are
14 evaluated for promotion are publications which have
15 been reviewed in peer-reviewed journals.

16 Q. Doctor, I would like to ask you a little
17 bit about your daily work as a radiologist at that
18 time hospitals.

19 Could you give the jury an idea of how
20 many chest x-rays you review on a daily basis?

21 A. On a typical day, I would review
22 approximately 80 to 160 chest radiographs, and on
23 some days as many as 200 chest radiographs.

24 Q. Doctor, you used the term radiograph.
25 How does that compare to what people know as a

1 chest x-ray?

2 A. They are the exact same thing.

3 Q. So, between -- normally between, did you
4 say 80 and --

5 A. 160.

6 Q. -- 160. All right. With gusts up to
7 200?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How about what are called CT scans?
10 First of all, explain to the jury what a CT scan
11 is?

12 A. A CT scan is a specialized radiographic
13 procedure which can be performed on almost any part
14 of the body, the head, the chest, the abdomen, in
15 which a patient is placed into a doughnut-shaped
16 structure, placed on a table on their back, and
17 then is moved through the scanner, and images are
18 obtained in a cross sectional image, sort of like
19 slicing the patient like a loaf of bread.

20 Q. Doctor, and how many of those do you
21 review a day, chest CT scans?

22 A. In our division, we do approximately
23 eight to 26 per day.

24 Q. Doctor, how much time do you spend
25 practicing radiology, say, on a weekly basis?

1 A. 60 hours.

2 Q. And does that involve your teaching time,
3 as well, and other administrative duties or is that
4 extra?

5 A. That would include everything, yes.

6 Q. Is there any -- do you have any
7 responsibilities in the field of lung medicine at
8 the University of Pittsburgh in the sense of are
9 you responsible for any lung centers or --

10 A. Yes. We have the Comprehensive Lung
11 Center at the University of Pittsburgh, and I'm the
12 director of radiology.

13 Q. What is involved in the Comprehensive
14 Lung Center?

15 A. The Comprehensive Lung Center is a
16 facility at our institution in which patients are
17 evaluated for a variety of chest diseases; and, in
18 the same geographic setting, can be seen by
19 radiologists, pulmonologists, surgeons, medical
20 oncologists, and radiation therapists, without
21 having to go to a variety of different doctors for
22 different appointments.

23 Q. And do you attend any clinical
24 conferences from time to time with those same
25 specialists, thoracic surgeons?

1 A. Twice a week, we have a joint combined
2 multi-imaging modality conference which includes
3 pathologists, the surgeons, pulmonary medicine, and
4 radiation oncologists.

5 And I also give a one-hour lecture per
6 week to the fellows in pulmonary medicine on chest
7 radiology.

8 Q. What are the fellows?

9 A. Pulmonary fellows are people in internal
10 medicine who have completed the three-year
11 residency in internal medicine and are now
12 specializing in pulmonary medicine, which is an
13 additional three years after they finish their
14 internal medicine residency.

15 Q. Dr. Fuhrman, I would like to ask you a
16 couple of questions about the hospitals where you
17 work as a radiologist.

18 Give the jury some sort of background
19 about what kind of institutions they are. Could
20 you give us an idea of the size of the hospitals
21 where you work? For example, which hospitals are
22 they and basically how big are they?

23 A. The hospitals that I practice on, on a
24 daily basis, would be Presbyterian-University
25 Hospital and the Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh,

1 which are connected physically by a bridge. The
2 total hospitals, University Health Center of
3 Pittsburgh number almost 20 institutions, and then
4 our main facility we have approximately 2500 beds.

5 Q. Now, within those hospitals is there a
6 cancer diagnosis and treatment center or how is
7 that done?

8 A. We have the University of Pittsburgh
9 Cancer Institute, which is one of the nationally
10 recognized cancer institutes by the National
11 Institutes of Health as a comprehensive cancer
12 center in the country.

13 Q. Doctor, have you done scientific or
14 medical research in the field of radiology?

15 A. Yes, I have.

16 Q. And what kinds of organizations have
17 supported that research?

18 A. I have received financial support from
19 General Electric, Kodak, the National Cancer
20 Institute, and also the National Institutes of
21 Health.

22 Q. And, Doctor, what subject area has
23 occupied most of your time in the research area?

24 A. I'm very involved in the digital imaging
25 of the chest using photo-stimulatable phosphorous.

1 Q. Are most of your research projects
2 involving some aspect of chest/lung radiology?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I'm going to ask you a few questions
5 about lung cancer.

6 Dr. Fuhrman, do you have any idea how
7 many lung cancer cases that you have seen either
8 chest x-rays or CT scans in your career?

9 A. Thousands.

10 Q. And do the different types of lung
11 cancer -- the jury has heard some testimony about
12 different types of lung cancer -- do different
13 types typically have different appearances from
14 chest x-rays in radiology?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And have you been involved in the
17 diagnosis of all types of lung cancer?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Doctor, how often do you learn the
20 medical information of a patient when you are asked
21 to read the chest x-ray or the CT scan?

22 A. We are usually provided with a written
23 requisition which includes at least a pertinent
24 clinical history. For CT scans, all of our
25 patients are evaluated by a nurse prior to the CT

1 scan, particularly to determine if the patient has
2 any allergies or any problems that could occur
3 during the scan. That information is available to
4 us when we review the scans.

5 Q. Now, Dr. Fuhrman, are you charging for
6 your professional time today to appear here?

7 A. Yes, I am.

8 Q. And what do you charge for your
9 professional consulting time?

10 A. My rate is defined by my department.
11 \$150 per hour for consultations. And for
12 deposition and court appearances it is \$250 per
13 hour, with a maximum of \$1,000 per day, plus travel
14 expenses. And I would note that any time taken away
15 from the department must be taken as vacation time
16 and is not supported by the department.

17 Q. So, you are talking some vacation time to
18 come out here?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How many hours have you spent on this
21 case?

22 A. In review of material, approximately 10
23 to 12 hours.

24 Q. Doctor, have you ever testified in a
25 trial involving cigarette smoking or tobacco?

1 A. No.
2 Q. How many times have you testified in your
3 career?
4 A. Approximately, three or four.
5 Q. Now, have you consulted on any other
6 tobacco-related cases?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. And how many of those?
9 A. Probably, ten to 15.
10 Q. Ten to 15 cases over what time period?
11 A. Ten year period, approximately.
12 Q. Now, what percent of your income or what
13 percent of your time is devoted to reviewing cases?
14 A. Less than one percent.
15 Q. I would like to switch gears for a
16 minute, Doctor, and go back to your teaching work
17 and ask you do you discuss the relationship of
18 cigarette smoking and lung cancer when you teach
19 your medical students?
20 A. Yes, I do.
21 Q. What do you tell them about that
22 relationship?
23 A. I teach two lectures on lung cancer, one
24 in the second year of medical school and one in the
25 fourth year of medical school. And the things that

1 I teach my medical students is that from 80 to 85
2 percent of lung cancers are directly associated
3 with cigarette smoking, and that 15 to 20 percent
4 of lung cancers have no association with cigarette
5 smoking.

6 Q. So there must be some types or some types
7 of lung cancer that are not associated with
8 smoking?

9 A. There are some types of lung cancer that
10 have a very high association with smoking, some
11 types of lung cancer which have less of an
12 association with smoking, and there are certain
13 cell types of lung cancer which have no defined
14 association with cigarette smoking.

15 Q. Doctor, I might say, if you need to take
16 a drink, there is a pitcher and a glass there, at
17 any point you get particularly dry.

18 Dr. Fuhrman, when were you contacted
19 about this case?

20 A. In November of 1998.

21 Q. And what were you asked to do?

22 A. I was asked to review a series of chest
23 radiographs, chest x-rays, and CT scans which were
24 pertinent to this case.

25 Q. And what is your procedure in reviewing

1 those? How did you go about reviewing the films?

2 A. I have a very strict policy that I do not
3 want to know any of the information which later
4 develops in the case. I prefer to look at the
5 films exactly in the chronology order with the
6 information available at the time the examinations
7 were obtained.

8 Q. And were you also supplied the medical
9 records of the case?

10 A. Not at that time.

11 Q. And you were sent those recorded later?

12 A. I believe I was sent those records
13 several weeks later.

14 Q. And you have reviewed those?

15 A. Yes, I have.

16 Q. How many times have you reviewed
17 radiology in this case?

18 A. Three times.

19 Q. And I would like to ask a couple of
20 background questions. We have talked some about
21 radiology and what it is.

22 When radiologists look at chest x-rays
23 for example, how do they tell if something on the
24 chest x-ray is not right or is abnormal?

25 A. They have to have a precise knowledge of

1 what normal anatomy is on the chest radiograph.

2 You need to know all of the normal
3 anatomic variances which occur in the population.

4 You also need to know how the chest
5 appears at different ages in life.

6 The chest radiograph of a child is very
7 different than a chest radiograph of a 70-year-old
8 patient.

9 Q. Do you focus on the changes there and
10 what do compare them with?

11 A. If we are fortunate enough to have old
12 films for comparison, it's very important to
13 determine if there's been any interval change in
14 any anatomic structures on a chest radiograph.

15 If there are no old films for comparison,
16 you have to do the best you can with the evaluation
17 of the film that you have at the time.

18 Q. Now, in this case, Doctor, do you have
19 earlier chest x-rays and films to compare with
20 later?

21 A. Yes, we do.

22 Q. And before we review Mr. Williams' chest
23 x-rays, let me ask you, Doctor, can radiologists
24 have different opinions about the same x-rays?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Have you studied this issue in
2 some of your research?

3 A. Yes. It's estimated that radiologists
4 will disagree on some issues in about ten percent
5 of the cases.

6 Q. Well, what, in your opinion, explains why
7 qualified radiologists would differ on what is on a
8 particular x-ray, the same x-ray?

9 A. The number one reason is the level of
10 expertise in any different field that you're in. I
11 think somebody who does chest radiology as a
12 full-time living has a different insight into chest
13 radiology than somebody who does it as part of
14 general radiology, in addition to other studies.

15 Also, you can have problems in
16 recognizing a lesion and then also problems in
17 recognizing the significance of a lesion once you
18 do recognize it.

19 Q. Doctor, we are going to have to do a
20 little setup to use this machine over here. But
21 did you bring some films with you that you normally
22 use in teaching medical students?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And would those films be helpful
25 to you in explaining some of the basic anatomy

1 structures of the chest?

2 A. I hope so.

3 Q. Okay. Doctor, I'm going to ask you to
4 step down here and help me, along with Dan, here.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Gaylord, where ever you
6 want to be, come down here or over there.

7 MR. GAYLORD: I think for the moment, I
8 may be all right.

9 I want to say, he asked me about those
10 films, and I said I had no objection to their use
11 as long as they are marked and left in the
12 courtroom afterwards.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Gaylord.

14 MR. SIRRIDGE: Can everybody see?

15 THE COURT: Hold up a minute, Mr.
16 Sirridge, until we get our record established.
17 Go ahead.

18 MR. SIRRIDGE: Can everybody see? I'm
19 going to flip this on.

20 BY MR. SIRRIDGE:

21 Q. Dr. Fuhrman, I'm just going to let you
22 take your teaching films and explain to the jury
23 why you use them and what they are useful for in
24 teaching. I'll stay out of the way.

25 A. Chest radiographs in my experience are

1 very foreign to the first year medical students.
2 They are very difficult to look at, very difficult
3 to see the structures on the normal chest
4 radiograph anatomy. And over the years --

5 MR. GAYLORD: Would it be better for him
6 to be on this side?

7 COURT REPORTER: Yes, it would be
8 helpful. Thank you.

9 THE WITNESS: And over the years, I have
10 developed sets of teaching films to teach medical
11 students, both first, second and fourth-year
12 levels.

13 MR. GAYLORD: Excuse me, Doctor. I
14 notice that the films that you're using for
15 demonstrative purposes look like they have
16 letters and numbers on them, and I would ask for
17 our record that you make use of those. When you
18 are talking about one, tell us if it's E3 or 2 or
19 1, if you wouldn't mind?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes. I have no problem
21 with that.

22 MR. GAYLORD: Thank you.

23 THE WITNESS: Basically, what I'm going
24 to show you is a normal set of chest radiographs.
25 We are able to copy radiographs, and that is

1 exactly what I have done. E1 is exactly the same
2 film as E2. it's a copy done in our department.
3 E3 is a copy -- excuse me, E4 is a copy of E3.
4 So, these are the exact same chest radiographs.

5 On the copy films, I have taken the
6 liberty of drawing anatomic structures which I
7 use to teach my medical students chest radiology.

8 We have two projections in chest
9 radiology. One we call posterior-anterior, which
10 is abbreviated PA, and that is the direction of
11 the x-ray beam through the patient of a film.

12 So if this were the film cassette, the
13 patient would turn, stand like this. The x-ray
14 beam would go from posterior to anterior to the
15 film and that is a PA projection.

16 When we display the films, we turn it
17 around because these are the standard ways we
18 project films. So, when you are looking at this
19 woman's film pretend that she is standing and
20 looking at you.

21 So, this is the patient's left side.
22 This is the patient's right side.

23 So, pretend this woman is looking at you
24 and standing just like I'm standing, looking at
25 you, and that is a PA projection, and that

1 projection is a required projection for all chest
2 radiographs.

3 The other projection we call a lateral
4 projection. And on a lateral projection, the
5 patient puts his or her left side against the
6 film, and the beam goes in sideways, from the
7 right side to the left side, and the exposure is
8 then made. And we are looking at the patient in
9 a 90 degrees opposite projection.

10 And that is very necessary because we are
11 taking the three-dimensional human body and
12 reducing it to two dimensions. So, to really
13 appreciate three dimensional structures of
14 organs, we need to have the complimentary
15 posterior-anterior and lateral projections.

16 And these would be the standard
17 radiographs on an outpatient coming for an chest
18 radiograph.

19 Now, in an ICU setting, when a patient is
20 unable to stand or is bed-bound, we will
21 sometimes only do the one projection because we
22 cannot usually get a lateral projection in those
23 patients.

24 Q. All right. Doctor, with that as
25 background, I'm going to bring over here the chest

1 x-rays and CT scan from Mr. Williams. And we are
2 going to take down maybe these two and use the
3 middle part for the x-rays. And I will hand them
4 to you.

5 A. All right.

6 Q. Do you recall, Dr. Fuhrman, when Mr.
7 Williams had his first chest x-ray?

8 A. I believe it was in 1984.

9 Q. I'll stack those down there, Doctor, and
10 let you take the '84 film and put it up and explain
11 to the jury what your views on that film are.

12 A. This was -- excuse me.

13 Q. That was in 1984?

14 A. This is in 1984.

15 Q. Can you recall why this particular chest
16 film was taken in 1984?

17 A. I believe he was having a pre-op chest
18 radiograph was because of the hernia repair on
19 abdominal abscess or something of that effect.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. Things look black and white on chest
22 radiographs of the content of air. The lungs look
23 very black in chest radiology because they are
24 filled with air. So, things that are very black
25 are air containing structures.

1 The white capacity in the middle of the
2 film represents the heart. The white capacity --

3 Q. Excuse me. You used the term capacity.
4 What does that mean?

5 A. Capacity means a white shadow on a chest
6 x-ray. We can see over here a capacity I represent
7 to be the aorta, which is the main blood vessel
8 leading to the heart supplying the chest and the
9 abdomen.

10 On the lateral projection, we can see a
11 black tubular column of air. I think it stands out
12 particularly well here, which is exactly similar to
13 the normal finding, and that represents the trachea
14 which is your windpipe which is the structure which
15 conducts air from your mouth down into your thorax,
16 into your chest.

17 If I were looking at Mr. Williams' film
18 in 1984, this is a normal chest radiograph for his
19 age.

20 Q. All right. Would you try the next one?
21 This is from 1986?

22 A. This is from March 4th of 1986. I
23 believe this chest x-ray was obtained because he
24 was symptoms of a cough at that time. The chest
25 x-ray remains normal. There are some very minor

1 changes. One is you can see a white line over
2 here. This represents thickening of the fissure
3 between the right upper lobe and the right middle
4 lobe.

5 Your right lung has three lobes. Your
6 left lung has two lobes. And the fissures are the
7 separation between the lobes.

8 We also see a little degree of blunting
9 of the costophrenic angle, and I would consider
10 that within the realm of normal. And I don't give
11 any particular significance to that.

12 Q. Is there anything unusual about this?

13 A. This is gas. Again, black things are
14 often air-containing structures. That is gas
15 within the portion of the colon known as the
16 splenic flexure of the colon. And that can change
17 depending, whenever, depending how much gas there
18 is in the colon on any particular day. That is a
19 normal finding.

20 Q. What about the lateral film?

21 A. The lateral film is 100 percent normal.
22 Again, I don't talk about mild degenerative changes
23 in the thoracic spine. Those are aging features
24 that we all experience as we get older.

25 But there's a very important anatomic

1 landmark on the lateral projection here, and it's
2 this white line which you see right over here. It
3 is a thin white line measuring approximately one to
4 two millimeters in diameter.

5 And if we go back to our normal chest
6 film, that white line is an important anatomic
7 landmark in the lateral projection. And you can
8 see that very thin white line over here. That is a
9 normal structure. And that is a very important
10 structure. The reason we see it as a white line is
11 that there is air in the lung behind it and air in
12 the tracheal-branchial tree in front of it.

13 So, that whiteness, that thin white line,
14 represents the thickness of the posterior-tracheal
15 wall, extending into the right bronchus.

16 We call that line the posterior-tracheal
17 stripe. It's a very important anatomical landmark
18 on a lateral projection of the chest.

19 Q. Doctor, when was the next film?

20 A. The next film was in October 28th, 1991.

21 Q. Can you recall why this chest x-ray was
22 taken?

23 A. I believe this chest x-ray -- this chest
24 x-ray was taken because the patient was having
25 cough and the patient also was having hemoptysis,

1 which means they were expectorating blood-tinged
2 sputum.

3 Q. All right. Can you tell the jury what
4 this x-ray shows?

5 A. This set of films demonstrates the very
6 importance of having the two projections because
7 the PA projection in this case is normal.

8 Unfortunately, I believe that his lateral
9 projection is abnormal at this time, which I'll try
10 to demonstrate to you.

11 We are going to take a look at that white
12 line again. There it is sitting right over here.
13 As we follow the white line up, it stops at the tip
14 of my finger. And there is a small soft tissue
15 which means it's gray, instead of being black;
16 abnormality on the lateral chest radiograph. This
17 is an abnormal lateral chest radiograph.

18 Q. Doctor, when you say an abnormal
19 radiograph, what are the possibilities that that
20 could be?

21 A. At this time, that radiograph, I would
22 have to consider the possibility of both benign and
23 malignant lung cancers.

24 Q. And this is October of 1991?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And what is the next one, Doctor?

2 A. The next one is 1/23/96.

3 Q. There was nothing between 1991 and 1996?

4 A. That's correct.

5 I should note that this is labeled
6 1/22/96 with this yellow tape, but the actual print
7 says 1/23/86. So I believe that they might have
8 put the wrong sticker for the date here. And I
9 think the correct date is 1/23/96.

10 Q. Okay. Could you tell the jury,
11 Dr. Fuhrman, what your review of this chest film is?

12 A. We now have a very abnormal PA lateral
13 projections of the chest.

14 I think one of the things that we can
15 look at is the hilum. The hilum are the structures
16 which connect the center of a chest to the lungs.
17 They include bronchi, lymph nodes, and blood
18 vessels.

19 And each side should be about the same
20 size and density. And if we take a look at the
21 size of a right hilum, it's a little bit larger.
22 Also, the right paratracheal stripe is thickened.

23 So, I think we have some very subtle
24 abnormalities in the region of the right hilum on
25 the PA projection.

1 More importantly, on the lateral
2 projection where all of you saw before that thin
3 white line. It is completely obliterated above
4 this point at the tip of my pointer. We no longer
5 have any white line.

6 And that tells me that something has
7 replaced that white line and made it grow thicker.
8 And in my experience that is usually a tumor. It's
9 usually a malignant tumor at this point.

10 Q. Doctor, now this is January of 1996?

11 A. I think it's also important to mention
12 that that minor thickening of the minor fissure and
13 that minimal blunting of the right costophrenic
14 angle is unchanged over five years, which supports
15 my initial contention that those were insignificant
16 findings.

17 Q. All right. After January of '96, Doctor,
18 when was the next chest x-ray done?

19 A. It was done only one month later, and it
20 was because whoever interpreted the films on the
21 first one -- I think you can see there are little
22 marks, question, an abnormality of a right apex. I
23 believe that is a normal finding, and if I were
24 reading that film I would not have questioned any
25 abnormality.

1 But since the abnormality was questioned
2 on the report, a follow-up radiograph was obtained.

3 Q. Let me also ask you, Doctor, did
4 Mr. Williams report any symptoms in early '96?

5 A. I believe he was again having cough and
6 hemoptysis which had been going on since October
7 and November of the preceding year.

8 Q. Of 1985, of the preceding -- or of 1995?

9 A. 1995.

10 Q. Sorry. Thank you.

11 All right. Could you explain to the jury
12 what this shows?

13 A. Well, this is only four weeks later.
14 There's no dramatic change. Again, we can see the
15 abnormal density of the right hilum, an abnormal
16 thickness of the right paratracheal region.

17 Also, on the lateral projection, our
18 landmark posterior tracheal stripe is obliterated.
19 And I don't think there's any real change from that
20 film from a month ago.

21 Both projections are very abnormal, but
22 there is no change from the study of one month
23 earlier.

24 Q. All right. Doctor, when were the next
25 chest x-rays done on Mr. Williams?

1 A. The next set of chest x-rays were done on
2 September 26 of 1996. And you can see over here
3 the findings of the abnormal soft tissue, meaning
4 abnormal whiteness, in the right paratracheal
5 region. This black tubular structure represents
6 the tracheal area column.

7 And on the lateral projection, we can see
8 again complete obliteration of any white line.

9 And, very importantly, we can also see
10 now a black hole, which I think you can see right
11 here. That is the origin of the left upper lobe
12 bronchus, and we call this on radiology the
13 completed doughnut sign, meaning a soft tissue
14 tumor has gone under it. And that tells me, as a
15 radiologist, that we already have subcarinal,
16 subcarinal disease, subcarinal tumor.

17 Q. Hold on just a second. Doctor, let me
18 ask you, you're using terms here, and I think this
19 exhibit which has been previously seen by the jury,
20 defense Exhibit 919, might help the jury appreciate
21 what area you are talking about here. I'll hold
22 it.

23 A. The subcarinal region is this set of
24 lymph nodes here which lives directly under the
25 area of bifurcation of the trachea. Basically, the

1 trachea changes its name when it divides, and we
2 now call these bronchi. This is the area that has
3 abnormal soft tissue, and on the frontal projection
4 these nodes here are abnormally enlarged.

5 Q. Let me ask you, Dr. Fuhrman, these
6 changes which you were discussing and describing,
7 in September of 1996, is that in the same area
8 similar changes to what you saw in early '96?

9 A. It's exactly the same area; although, it
10 is much larger.

11 Q. What about the changes, the abnormalities
12 which you saw originally in October 1991; is that
13 in any way related to what you are seeing here in
14 '96?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And how do you know or what is
17 your view as to why it is related?

18 A. It's in the exact same anatomic location,
19 and I think it's fair to interpret the film as
20 something that grew in this region rather than
21 something that went away and then a new thing
22 coming back.

23 Q. All right. Now, Doctor, have you also
24 looked at the chest films which occurred after
25 September of 1996?

1 A. Yes, I have.

2 Q. And can you summarize those chest films?

3 A. The patient was started on a good course
4 of chemotherapy consisting of two chemotherapeutic
5 drugs for two months, two cycles, and then was
6 treated with radiation, and the size of the tumor
7 mass decreased. And he did have a -- what I would
8 consider a good response to chemotherapy and
9 radiation therapy for surgery non resectable lung
10 tumor.

11 MR. SIRRIDGE: Thank you, Doctor.

12 This would be a very convenient time to
13 break, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 Jurors, we'll resume at -- is 1:30 going
16 to work for you? We are going to resume at 1:30.
17 So, please leave your notes here. Don't discuss
18 the case. Watch your step coming out, and we'll
19 continue after lunch.

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21 (Whereupon, after the jury exited the courtroom,
22 the proceedings continued, as follows:)

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24 THE COURT: Mr. Gaylord, are you able to
25 see all right when the witness is testifying

1 there? You look like it's not.
2 MR. GAYLORD: I'm struggling with some of
3 the things he's pointing out.
4 THE COURT: Well, why don't we work for a
5 minute on figuring out a better place for you to
6 be or maybe even changing the angle of this board
7 a bit.
8 MR. GAYLORD: Maybe back a bit would
9 help, I think.
10 MR. SIRRIDGE: Let's try that and see how
11 that is.
12 THE COURT: Because I know you need to
13 see. So, I want to be sure we get you to a place
14 where you can. All right.
15 MR. GAYLORD: How much more are you going
16 to do with these?
17 MR. SIRRIDGE: Probably ten minutes, at
18 the most.
19 THE COURT: Anything for the record at
20 this point?
21 MR. SIRRIDGE: Not from me.
22 MR. GAYLORD: No.
23 THE COURT: Okay. Thanks very much.
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25 (Whereupon, the a.m. proceedings adjourned.)

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